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COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE
ASSASSINATIONS, INC.

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COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS, INC.
(A Nonprofit Corporation Organized in the
District of Columbia)

Temporary Address: C/o Bud Fensterwald
4036 North 27th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Federal and D. C. Tax Exemption to be applied for.

General Purpose of the Corporation: To investigate and
expose assassinations as a political phenomenon in
modern-day America, and to examine specifically into
the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. King,
and Senator Kennedy.

Partial List of Prospective Directors (listed alphabetically):
(* Indicates present acceptance)

- *Fred Cook, Asbury Park, N. J., author and former FBI Agent.
Archbishop Cushing, Boston, Mass.
- *Bernard Fensterwald, Jr., Washington, D. C., former
Senate investigator and counsel.
- *Jim Garrison, New Orleans, La., District Attorney of
Orleans Parish.
Richard Gerstein, Miami, Fla., District Attorney of
Dade County.
Senator Eugene McCarthy, Minnesota.
Professor Richard Popkin, Boston, Mass., author.
Marcus Raskin, Washington, D. C., Director of the
Institute for Policy Studies.
James Pike, Santa Barbara, Calif., Center for the
Study of Democratic Institutions.
Vincent Salandria, Philadelphia, Pa., author and
lawyer.
- *Richard Sprague, Hartsdale, N. Y., computer engineer
and photography analyst.
- *William Turner, San Francisco, Calif., writer and
former FBI Agent.
Edward Bennett Williams, Washington, D. C., author
and lawyer.

Partial List of Persons to be invited to become Members:
(Listed alphabetically)

William Barry, Miami, Florida.

Richard Bernabei, Kingston, Ontario
Mae Brussell, Carmel Valley, Calif.
Steve Burton, N. Hollywood, Calif.
Mary Farrell, Dallas, Texas.
Maggie Field, Beverly Hills, Calif.
Sue Fitch, Dallas, Texas.
Trent Gough, New York, N. Y.
Jones Harris, New York, N. Y.
Paul Hoch, Berkeley, Calif.
Steve Jaffe, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Edd Jeffords, Tacoma, Wash.
Penn Jones, Midlothian, Texas.
Mark Lane, New Orleans, La., and N. Y.
David Lifton, Los Angeles, Calif.
William Loeb, Manchester, N. H.
Richard Lubic, Los Angeles, Calif.
Sylvia Maegher, New York, N. Y.
Raymond Marcus, Los Angeles, Calif.
Shirley Martin, Owasso, Okla.
Harv Morgan, Tiberon, Calif.
Gary Murr, Mineapolis, Minn.
Leo Sauvage, New York, N. Y.
Paul Scott, Washington, D. C.
Josiah Thompson, Haverford, Pa.
Hal Verb, El Cerito, Calif.
Cyril Wecht, Pittsburg, Pa.
Harold Weisberg, Frederick, Md.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS, INC.

Pursuant to the District of Columbia
Nonprofit Corporation Act

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TO: The Recorder of Deeds, D. C.
Washington, D. C.

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation pursuant to the District of Columbia Non-profit Corporate Act:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is: COMMITTEE
TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS, INC.

SECOND: The period of its duration is perpetual.

THIRD: The objects and purposes for which the corporation is exclusively organized and shall operate are as follows:

To encourage, promote, support, finance, foster, advance, publicize and/or conduct private, public and/or governmental research, investigations, inquiries, hearings, discussions, evaluations, debates, education and dissemination of information, facts, findings, results, discoveries and data relating to economic, social, religious, governmental, political and/or other institutions, processes, offices, persons and events, including investigative, fact finding and educational activities pertaining to political assassinations in the United States.

In connection with the foregoing objects and purposes, the corporation shall receive, administer, maintain, use and

employ its funds, net earnings and property, real and personal, exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific, research and/or literary purposes beneficial to the public, as such terms and purposes are used and defined in or in connection with Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, relating to tax exempt corporations, and in or in connection with Section 170 (c) (2) of said Code (or in the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and the Regulations pertaining thereto as they now exist or hereafter may be amended, and to pursue such objects and purposes either directly or by contribution to organizations which qualify as an exempt organization pursuant to the said Code and said Section thereof.

The objects, purposes and powers of the corporation are each and all subject to the limitation that

1) This corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized without capital stock.

2) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, officer or employee of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no officer, trustee or employee of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets or dissolution of the corporation.

3) No part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or hereafter may be amended.

5) In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the business and affairs of the corporation,

whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such corporation(s) or organization(s), organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, literary or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as exempt corporation(s) or organization(s) under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, exclusively for such purposes or to such corporation(s) or organization(s), as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

FOURTH: The corporation shall have one or more classes of members as shall be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation together with the designation of such class or classes, and the manner of election or appointment and the qualification and rights thereof, provided however, that no member shall have the right to vote as such in any matter pertaining to the corporation, its directors or affairs.

FIFTH: (a) The property and affairs of the corporation shall be controlled by a Board of Directors who shall have the sole voting power and shall have all of the authority of the corporation and may take any action permitted by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act to be taken by members.

(b) The Board of Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation shall remain in office in perpetuity, subject to death, resignation or removal, and subject to the authority of

the Board of Directors to determine from time to time by Resolution that (1) the number of directors comprising the Board of Directors shall be increased or decreased (but in no event to less than three directors), and (2) that the directors shall be subject to annual or other periodic election by the Board of Directors.

(c) Vacancies arising in the Board of Directors from whatever cause arising, including any increase in the number of directors, shall be filled by the directors remaining in office, though less than a quorum.

(d) All matters pertaining to directors, including resignation, removal, change of number and filling of vacancies, shall be regulated by the By-laws to the extent that provision therefor is not made herein.

SIXTH: Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be set forth in the By-laws of the corporation to the extent that they are not set forth herein, as follows:

(1) No directorship, officership or membership in this corporation shall be assignable inter vivos, nor shall any directorship, officership or membership in this corporation pass to any personal representative, heir or devisee.

(2) The private property of the directors, officers and members of the corporation shall not be subject to payment of the corporate debts to any extent whatever.

SEVENTH: The address, including street and number, of the corporation's initial registered office is National Press Building, 529 - 14th Street, Washington, D. C. 20004

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is United States Corporation Company

EIGHTH: The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three (3).

The names and addresses, including street and number, of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors until their successors be elected and qualified are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.	4036 N. 27th Street, Arlington, Va.
William Turner	925 Vernal Mill, Mill Valley, Calif.
Richard Sprague	37 Harvard Drive, Hartsdale, N. Y.

NINTH: The name and address, including street and number, of each incorporator is:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.	4036 N. 27th Street, Arlington, Va.
Patricia Louise Fensterwald	4036 N. 27th Street, Arlington, Va.
William Ohlhausen	4306 N. 24th Street, Arlington, Va.

Dated: October 7, 1968

/s/ Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

/s/ Patricia Louise Fensterwald

/s/ William Ohlhausen

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA) ss.:

I, Kathryn Coulter, a Notary Public, hereby certify that on October 7, 1968, personally appeared before me, Bernard Fensterwald, Patricia Louise Fensterwald and William Ohlhausen, who, being first duly sworn, declared that they severally and individually signed the foregoing document as incorporators, and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

/s/ Kathryn M. Coulter
Kathryn Coulter, - Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
April 14, 1970

Sample Copy

October 14, 1968

Edward Bennett Williams, Esq.
839 - 17th Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

At long last, a few of us "buffs" have decided to try to centralize and accelerate our work on the whole complex of assassination problems. Specifically, we hope to do the following: (1) Unravel the conspiracy in the JFK case; (2) examine the King and RFK cases to see if conspiracies were involved; and (3) look into the whole problem of political assassination as a political phenomenon in present day America.

During a weekend in late September, Bill Turner, Dick Sprague and I met in New Orleans for a marathon series of meetings with Jim Garrison and his staff. Immense progress was made by coordinating information individually held, and by using each other as sounding boards for each other's hypotheses.

At that time, I volunteered to establish a nonprofit corporation in the District of Columbia to centralize and coordinate our efforts. That corporation is now in existence (known as the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, Inc.). It is my intention after leaving the Senate (circa January 1, 1969) to devote full time and effort to the work of the Corporation.

We hereby urge you to accept our invitation to join us on the Board of Directors of the Corporation. We do not, however, have much to offer by way of inducement. The Directors per se will receive no compensation, and it is doubtful ~~that~~ we will be drowned with glory. Yet, we may restore...or force the Government itself to restore...a modicum of integrity to our form of Government. In our view, this essential ingredient of integrity has been ebbing away at an inordinate rate during the past decade, the several assassinations appearing to be a

prime example. If we can force the Government to investigate them thoroughly and honestly, we will have achieved much of our goal.

As near as we can tell, the following is the extent of commitment on the part of the Directors:

- (1) Lend the prestige of your name and the benefit of your wisdom and information.
- (2) Publicly support the aims of the Corporation when queried.
- (3) Meet once, elect officers, and discuss general and specific goals; when possible, attend future meetings (to be held as infrequently as feasible).
- (4) Suggest possible sources of funds for the operation of the Corporation.

We do not expect to take up a great deal of your time, but we do want very much for you to join us in what we feel is a most important task. Specifically, will you join us on the Board of Directors?

Enclosed is a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a list of those invited to be Directors and those invited as Members. If you have further suggestions as to Members, please let us know.

I shall be out of the country from mid-October to mid-November but hope very much to find your assent upon my return. We shall spend the remainder of 1968 in perfecting the Corporation's status, its tax exemption, obtaining office space, fund-raising, etc. It is our hope to be fully "in business" by January 1, 1969.

Hoping you will join us, I am,

Most cordially,

Bud Fensterwald

Enclosures

Handwritten: 10/11/68
Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
4036 North 27th Street
Arlington, Virginia

October 11, 1968

Mr. Steve Burton
4829 Morella Avenue
N. Hollywood, California

Dear Mr. Burton:

A number of assassination students, "buffs", experts or what have you, from all parts of the country, have decided to band together in a formal organization in an attempt to increase our chances of solving both the general and specific assassination problems. It is our hope in taking this action that we might (1) improve our means of exchanging information; (2) obtain financing for additional investigative work; (3) pool our strength vis-a-vis the Federal Government, particularly, the National Archives; and (4) provide our members a modicum of physical protection by "going public".

The idea formed recently at a three-day round-table discussion in New Orleans between Jim Garrison and staff, Bill Turner, Richard Sprague and me. With just these few sitting around a table, we progressed a long way toward finding solutions to many specific problems that had seemed almost insoluble.

We believe that if most of the responsible persons in the field will join together and work closely together, we will maximize our chances of success. Hence, the new Committee to Investigate Assassinations. We hereby invite you and urge you to join with us as an active Member in the new organization.

A copy of the Articles of Incorporation (as well as a list of those invited to join) is enclosed.

You will note that your duties and responsibilities as a Member are minimal. We would hope, however, that we

could count on your active participation and cooperation. We realize that certain of the invitees have a natural proprietary and/or literary right in certain parts of their research; we will attempt to honor scrupulously any desire to protect such right; and, consequently, we urge you not to turn down our plea on this account.

I shall be away from the country for several weeks but am hopeful of having your acceptance in my mail upon my return.

On behalf of the other originators of this idea, I remain,

Gratefully yours,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

Enclosures
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October 17, 1968

Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
4036 North 27th Street
Arlington, Virginia 22207

Dear Bud:

Thank you for the papers on the new C.I.A. (Committee to Investigate Assassinations).

I hope we do get the support of most of the names which you have indicated. However, I am afraid that you will find in the case of some responses that the government effort to discredit our operation and to picture it as a fraud has been successful.

Nevertheless, it is a great idea and it looks like we are off to a good start.

I am looking forward to seeing you shortly after Thanksgiving when we can have our next brainstorming session. Things keep developing so fast that I can assure you that we will have much more to dig into by that time.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

JIM GARRISON
District Attorney

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